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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In Re Application of:****SWAIN et al.****Serial No.: 09/705,149****Art Unit: 1648****Filing Date: 1 November 2000****Examiner: Bao Qun Li****Title: DNA-VACCINES BASED ON CONSTRUCTS DERIVED FROM THE
GENOMES OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL PATHOGENS****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 5 April 2002, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.